

Division of Assessment Implementation
DAC Monday Email for March 17, 2003

Question of the Week!

- Q:** We have a student that will be on homebound during the CATS Assessment. Does he have to be on the same schedule as his classmates?
- A:** Students on homebound can have different testing schedules than that of the students testing at school. They have to use the same two week window and do the tests in the same order, but the individual's schedule can be different.

Precoding

DACs should have received an email from Connie Valentine last week with the directions for generating the files from STI for precoding the KCCT and CTBS/5 grades. If you did not receive this, please email Connie at connie_valentine@ctb.com. Your STI district lead should have also received an update from STI to make this process easier. Attached is a memo about the update. Additional questions about this process can be directed to Pam Ponzi at CTB/McGraw Hill (pponzi@ctb.com) or Roger Ervin at KDE (502-564-4394 or 2256, rervin@kde.state.ky.us)



CATS Online

Districts wishing to participate in the online assessment of the KCCT available for students with disabilities need to register by April 10, 2003. Notification should be through email sent to catsol@kde.state.ky.us. The District Administrator will receive a username, a generic password, and a URL to the CATS Online Assessment website within 48 business hours of registration. You will need to register even if your district participated in the fall pilot. (Note: Macintosh platform is not supported for 2003 CATS Online due to compatibility issues yet to be resolved.)

Thanks from NAEP

For those of you with schools that participated in the 2003 NAEP Administration, please pass on a HUGE THANK YOU to your school staff!!!! The administration window closed Friday, March 7, 2003 and Kentucky had 100 % participation. Considering the challenges we faced with weather and illness, this is incredible! State results from this assessment are supposed to be provided by NAEP in the fall. We will be sure to communicate the results to you as soon as possible. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Cindy Owen, NAEP State Coordinator, at cowen@kde.state.ky.us or Teri Eads at teads@kde.state.ky.us.

Writing Cluster Leader Training Rescheduled

The Region 2 Writing Portfolio Scoring Training for *elementary* cluster leaders has been rescheduled for March 18. This session will be held at WKU's South Campus. If you have questions, please contact Tammy Stephens at the Region 2 Service Center (270-746-7063).

Leadership Certificates

If you need leadership hours and did not pick up your certificate at the DAC meetings please contact Kathy Moore (502-564-4394 or kmoore@kde.state.ky.us). Those will be mailed to you.

Replacement CDs

DACs that attended an assessment meeting at the Ashland Plaza Hotel, Jenny Wiley SP, or Natural Bridge SP should have received a replacement CD in the mail. If you did not, please contact Kathy.